

DOT employee honored by UP

The Union Pacific Railroad presented Iowa DOT Track Inspector Ernie Corbin with a Union Pacific



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Spot Award. UP's manager of track maintenance, Darrell Ashby, noted Ernie's keen observation while inspecting and surveying a dangerous crossing on the UP rail line in Grinnell in July 2002. Heat had expanded crossing materials to the point that the track gauge had narrowed causing the rail cars to move laterally. Ernie's thoroughness and exemplary performance in all likelihood prevented a serious derailment.